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CHIEF THURSTON ANSWERS TRENT CHARGES

FIRE CHIEF IS ASSAILED BY DEMOCRATS AFTER HIM

R. H. Trent Now Criticises Policy

Charges made by Richard H. Trent, that Fire Chief Thurston has played politics in his department and intimations that he has used his power as chief to make firemen rent from him cottages near the various fire stations, were vigorously and indignantly denied by Chief Thurston this morning.

Attempts made to "get Thurston's scalp" and to have him ousted by the mayor and the supervisors seem to have been renewed recently, and to day there were several stories of deals and compromises by which Thurston will be put out of his department used for Democratic patronage. The supervisors soon to take office say today that there is little likelihood that Thurston will be re-appointed by the mayor.

"Why don't the papers tell the whole story about the fire department in politics?" questioned R. H. Trent, in an interview this morning.

"A very prominent Republican came to me today to ask that I have what ever influence I might have with Mayor Fern to get him to reappoint Chief Thurston. He thought it would be a shame for the Mayor to inject politics into the fire department," continued Mr. Trent.

"I asked him if he had not heard that Mr. Thurston had been using his position to do politics; and that although he had been twice appointed to his position by Mayor Fern, he did his level best to beat Fern in the last election. He said that Thurston not only went out of his way to canvas against Fern, but that he made every member of his department wear Parker badges on election day."

"Another thing that is being urged against Thurston is that he makes a practice of acquiring property contiguous to the fire stations and building cottages to rent to the employees of the department. Some people fear the chief might be in danger of being influenced in his treatment of his men by the fact that they are, or are not contributing materially to his monthly income as tenants."

"There is a lot of talk about the efficiency of the fire department, and in a recent published interview a member of the board of fire underwriters intimated that if Mr. Thurston were not reappointed rates might be still further increased, instead of lowered as promised for so long. But how does it come that the rate for the new concrete Excelsior building, only a half block from the central fire station, has been put so high that the owners declare they will not insure. Link Chipe in."

"Yes," chimed in L. L. McCandless, who was present while Mr. Trent was making the foregoing statement: "Yes," said the candidate for the governorship, "I have \$100,000 worth of property in the city—some of it concrete buildings—but I will not insure."

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NEW YEAR'S EVE CARS ONE HOUR LATER

- Tonight (Tuesday), New Year's Eve, the cars of the Rapid Transit will run one hour later than regular schedule.
- Rapid Transit cars outbound from town will leave Fort Street an hour later than regular schedule. This:
- King Street Line—
 - For Waikiki, leave Fort Street, 12:27.
 - For Kalihi, leave Fort Street, 12:33.
- Punahou Line—
 - For Punahou, leave Fort Street, 12:37. (Iron Works, 12:32).
- Nuuanu Valley Line—
 - For the Valley, leave King Street, 12:40.
- Alakea Street Line—
 - For Emma street, leave Fort Street, 12:33.
 - For Lilihua street, leave Fort Street, 12:37.
- Hotel Street Line—
 - For Kaimuki, leave Fort Street, 12:28.

Special prices on SAFES till Jan. 1st to make room for new stock.

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PLANTATION DIVIDENDS ARE REDUCED

Haiku and Paia, Reduced One Per Cent, Hawaiian Commercial's Extras to End, Hawaiian Sugar Remains, but Is in Danger, and Kahuku Dropped

- Haiku and Paia, dividends each reduced from one and one-half to one-half of one per cent.
- Hawaiian Commercial, regular dividend continues, extras to cease.
- Hawaiian Sugar, regular dividend continues for the present, may be trimmed later.
- Kahuku, extra dividend omitted, hoped to maintain regular dividend.

Action has been taken by sugar companies in the Alexander & Baldwin group, respecting dividends for the incoming year, with results as stated above.

"Haiku and Paia dividends have each been cut from one and one-half per cent to one-half one per cent," said President J. P. Cooke of Alexander & Baldwin, Ltd., this morning.

"This is due to the low price of sugar and to the short crop. The plantations of the Maui Agricultural Company, which include Haiku and Paia, will lose 7000 tons from the effects of the late drought. We do not expect more than 28,500 tons, against 34,612 tons the past season. Under favorable circumstances this crop ought to have been a little better than last one."

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TENTING TONIGHT ON OLD FORT STREET

Wanted—A good home for one regiment of infantry and three companies of coast artillery. Best of references. Apply, Department of Hawaii.

There's the present military situation in a nutshell. Western Division orders directing the above organizations to "sail for Honolulu" were received at army headquarters this morning, but not a word is said as to where the troops are to go on arrival. They are to "report to the commanding general," but he happens to be in Washington, D. C., at the present time, and even if he has no authority to assign troops to permanent station in the department. Without higher authority General Macomb can no more send the Twenty-fifth Infantry the 20-odd miles to Schofield Barracks than he could send them to Guam or Panama.

The adjutant general has as yet received no information as to station for the new troops, and until this comes the soldiers will be homeless wanderers. When they disembark from the transport their official journey will be at an end, and they might as well go fishing from the docks.

Again the incoming troops are ordered to bring the "full allowance of tentage and camp equipment, as the regiment will be required to go into camp for some time." Now that term "full allowance" is another sticker. The usual allowance of tentage in the field would put two lieutenants in one tent, and give a single tent to a captain. But surely it is not intended to put men under canvas for a year or more in such cramped quarters as this. The First Infantry has about four tents to a lieutenant, and it is figured that the government will try to do as well by the newcomers.

The three coast artillery companies and the third battalion of the Twenty-fifth Infantry will sail on the Sheridan, while headquarters of the Twenty-fifth, the remaining two battalions and the Fourth Cavalry, will come on the Logan.

Resolved!

FORECAST FOR HAWAII 1913

PANAMA CANAL TO OPEN
BANNER SUGAR AND PINEAPPLE CROPS
TOURISTS COMING BY THOUSANDS
ARMY AND NAVY SENDING REGIMENTS AND SPENDING MILLIONS
HONESTY AND INTEGRITY OF THE PEOPLE
HONOLULU, TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 1912

Resolved: That I will do my share in making Hawaii greater and better in 1913
Every Citizen

FATHER TIME

POOLE

NEWS FROM THE FIGHT

Al Palzer and Luther McCarty fight tomorrow at Los Angeles for the diamond belt of the "heavyweight elimination contest" that is now practically the world's championship contest. The Star-Bulletin has made arrangements for a special news service on this fight and will publish the news of the year, in its issue tomorrow afternoon.

NEW DRUG FIRM; GIGNOUX QUILTS BENSON, SMITH

A. J. C. Gignoux, vice-president of Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., and for almost twelve years connected with the big drug-firm, tonight severs his connection with it and tomorrow will become associated with August W. Meyer in the Hollister Drug Company Ltd. He disposes of all of his stock in the first firm and acquired an equal share with Mr. Meyer in Hollister's and hereafter will be active in the affairs of that company.

This deal is the second of the big drug-store deals of the last half year. It was less than six months ago that Mr. Meyer bought the controlling interest in the Hollister Drug Company and it is stated that he has found his business so heavy and so growing that he cast around for a partner to become associated in the active handling of it. Mr. Gignoux, who rose from a clerk in the Benson, Smith establishment to its vice-president and is one of the leading drug-store men of the territory, was induced to make the change.

Mr. Gignoux came from St. Louis twelve years ago to enter the employ of Benson, Smith & Co. He has risen rapidly and in business circles and is now president of the Merchants Association.

The capital stock of the Hollister company is \$50,000.

Practical Suggestions On New Charter Are Offered

Star-Bulletin Presents Views of Citizen Who Has Studied Commission Form

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—Appropos of the proposed new charter for Honolulu, there seems to be a great dearth of practical suggestions as to what the new document should contain. In view of the importance of the many-angled subject it would seem that a public exchange of views should be encouraged by the committee of twenty-five. To help fill a much-felt want the appended suggestions, incomplete and crudely thrown together, are offered in the hope that discussion may be stimulated.

X. Y. Z.

Honolulu, Dec. 30, 1912.

Suggestions for Discussion as to the Proposed New Charter.

1.—Property.
The territory to transfer to the city its title to all public roads, streets, alleys, public parks (except Kapolani Park held by trustees), schools and school premises (except reform schools), district court-houses and jails, including grounds, police station, fire department buildings and apparatus, water-works, pumping plants, garbage plant, sewer system, electric light plant and street lighting system.

Note.—All public property not used for territorial purposes or not territorial in character to be conveyed to the municipality. The executive building and grounds, archives building, judiciary building and adjacent buildings and grounds, armory, prison, industrial or reform schools and grounds, insane asylum, leper establishment, including home for non-leperous children, wharves and public lands to remain with the territory. School teachers to be appointed and paid and course of study prescribed by the territory as at present.

The city to assume so much of the territorial debt as represents loan moneys expended on water-works and any other revenue-producing property (if any) turned over to the city. But not as to the sewer system (annual sewer rates to be abolished), school buildings, or other non-productive

property to the payment of the indebtedness incurred in connection with which, as well as regards loan moneys expended on the other islands, the people of the city of Honolulu would contribute through payment of territorial taxes.

2.—Powers.
In addition to the powers now possessed by the city and county, give the municipality power to levy taxes on real and personal property at a rate not exceeding one per cent annually on the assessed full cash value (the annual rate to be fixed by the board of commissioners) and specific taxes on cars, carriages, automobiles, bicycles and dogs, also power to levy special taxes or assessments for laying sidewalks, for opening, grading and paving (but not repairing) roads and streets, for providing and laying water pipes, sewers and drains, and for extending the street lighting system; also power to levy per capita road and school taxes. The levying of occupation license taxes (except on inter-island business and for the sale of intoxicating liquors) by the Territory to be discontinued and the power to impose such to be given to the municipality. The city to have power to incur indebtedness and issue bonds for public improvements as limited by section 55 of the Organic Act. The right of eminent domain also to be given the city.

Note.—The matter of adjusting taxation will present some difficulties. It is suggested that the Territorial poll, road and school taxes and specific personal property taxes should be abolished, and the general property tax (except as to property used in inter-island business; i. e., transportation and communication, which probably should be exempt from municipal taxes) be limited to what will be needed for territorial requirements (say, one-fourth of one-fifth of one per cent per annum). The territorial revenues would consist of the income and inheritance taxes, property tax (as limited), liquor license fees, taxes on inter-island business, rents of government lands, and incidental receipts from wharves, prison, etc.

But, if in order to be valid, the territorial

WIRELESS NOW SPANS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN

HEADS TO TUMBLE

As the result of a caucus of the incoming board of supervisors, held last night, a number of Republican office-holders are slated for decapitation. The Democrats intend to make full use of their power of patronage, and if heads have to fall, why, it's only the fortunes of war.

Road Supervisor Caldwell, it is stated, will be one of the first of the Republican office-holders to lose his official head, and his removal will be followed by a general ousting of deputies and clerks who are now on the city and county pay-roll.

CASTRO IS AGAIN IN LIMELIGHT; NOW IN GOTHAM

(Associated Press Cable)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Cipriano Castro, known as the "Stormy Petrel of Venezuela," reached this city this morning on board the French steamer Touraine. Instead of being allowed to land peacefully as he expected, the ex-president of the South American republic was ordered detained by the immigration authorities until orders regarding his disposition shall have been received from Washington. When he learned of this, Castro declared that he is willing to go back to Europe at once.

HOUSE OFFICIALS ARE HUNTING FOR ROCKEFELLER

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Practically every member of the staff of the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives is now in New York searching for William Rockefeller, who is badly wanted by the committee investigating the so-called money trust. So far Rockefeller has been able to evade the summons sent him by the committee to appear and testify.

ROCKEFELLER ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—William Rockefeller is reported to be very ill. He has engaged detectives to protect his house from all efforts to reach it by government officials or others. It is in a state of siege, and none can approach past the outer gates.

GENERAL WALKOUT OF HOTEL-WORKERS ORDERED TONIGHT

(Associated Press Cable)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—New York diners-out will have trouble tonight in getting served. A general strike order has been issued to the cooks and waiters' union that will empty the pantries and kitchens of many of the most prominent hotels and restaurants in this city. The management of the places affected have been trying for several days to secure other waiters and chefs, but have been having great difficulty in filling the places that will be vacated tonight. The cost of the strike at this time will be heavy, as the New Year's eve celebration in New York is one of the greatest of the year.

JOSE MACHADO DIES

Jose Machado, father of Mrs. T. Hollinger of this city, died this morning at 7:30 o'clock. Funeral services will be held from the Hollinger home tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be in the King street cemetery. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral.

The Matson Navigation steamer Lyades, sailing from Hilo for San Francisco carried a considerable quantity of molasses in bulk.

Naval Station at Arlington, Across the River From Washington, I Direct Communication With That Operated By the French Government In Famous Eiffel Tower In Paris

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—It was announced officially here today that the government station equipped by the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company at Arlington, just across the Potomac river from Washington, has been in direct communication with the Eiffel tower station operated by the French government at Paris.

It is claimed that this is one of the longest stretches over which direct wireless communication has ever been accomplished. The clearness of the signals received at each end of the long stretch surprised the operators. The messages exchanged were friendly greetings from the officials of the company here with those of the French government.

TAFT AND COL. GOETHALS RETURN HOME TOGETHER

(Associated Press Cable)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—President Taft and Colonel Goethals, head of the Panama Canal work, returned here this morning on the special train assigned to convey the President. Mr. Taft was enthusiastic at the progress of the work done by the government in bringing the big ditch toward completion and complimented Colonel Goethals highly. Both men looked remarkably well and both expressed themselves delighted to get home in time for the President's New Year's reception.

DYNAMITE TRAIN BEARS LABORITES TO LEAVENWORTH

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 31.—The "dynamite special" bearing the labor leaders convicted of a dynamite conspiracy, to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to begin service of their sentences, left here this morning. It carried fifty special guards, and every precaution has been taken to avoid accidents. The train has been piloted by special men, and every bridge and culvert over which the train will have to pass has been specially inspected. Orville E. McManigal, the informer whose testimony convicted the accused labor men, remains here for a few days, when he will be taken back to Los Angeles.

MRS. HAL CHASE WINS HER SUIT

(Special Star-Bulletin Cable)

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Mrs. Hal Chase won her suit for the sole custody of her son today. The court also ordered the ball player to pay his former wife \$1200 a year alimony. Chase says he will not appeal.

SUGAR
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Beetler's analysis, 98.64. Parity 3.57. Previous quotation, 98.54.